

Amended Claims

1-30. (Canceled).

31. (New) A printing mechanism, comprising:  
a printhead that defines a printzone; and  
means for maintaining plural sheets of print media  
including an exposed sheet stationary with respect to said  
means during printing, said means for maintaining moving  
through said printzone during printing by said printhead on  
said exposed sheet.

32. (New) A printing mechanism according to claim 31  
wherein said means for maintaining moves a stack of sheets  
of print media through said printzone during printing.

33. (New) A printing mechanism according to claim 32  
wherein a top sheet of said stack is exposed to said  
printhead during printing.

34. (New) A printing mechanism according to claim 31  
wherein said means for maintaining supports said plural  
sheets generally across an entire lower surface of a  
lowermost sheet of said plural sheets during printing.

35. (New) A printing mechanism, comprising:  
means for stationarily supporting plural sheets of  
print media including an exposed sheet relative to said  
means for supporting during printing on said exposed sheet;  
advancing means for advancing said means for supporting  
through a printzone during printing on said exposed sheet;  
and

printing means for printing on said exposed sheet as said means for supporting is advanced through said printzone.

36. (New) A printing mechanism according to claim 35 wherein said means for supporting supports said plural sheets in a generally flat orientation during printing on said exposed sheet.

37. (New) A printing mechanism, comprising:  
a printhead that defines a printzone plane; and  
print media support structure that moves an exposed sheet parallel to said printzone plane during printing on said exposed sheet, and said support structure including a biasing device that biases said exposed sheet perpendicular to said printzone plane and into a predetermined printing position with respect to said printhead during printing on said exposed sheet.

38. (New) A printing mechanism according to claim 37 wherein said support structure further includes a sheet retention device and wherein said biasing device biases said exposed sheet against said sheet retention device during printing on said exposed sheet.

39. (New) A printing mechanism according to claim 37 wherein said support structure moves a stack of sheets parallel to said printzone plane during printing, wherein said exposed sheet is a top sheet of said stack of sheets, and wherein said biasing device biases said stack of sheets perpendicular to said printzone plane such that said exposed sheet is biased into said predetermined printing position

with respect to said printhead during printing on said exposed sheet.

40. (New) A method of printing, comprising:

    biasing an exposed sheet in a direction perpendicular to a printzone plane and into a predetermined printing position;

    moving said exposed sheet parallel to said printzone plane during printing on said exposed sheet; and

    supporting said exposed sheet generally across an entire planar surface of said exposed sheet during printing on said exposed sheet.

41. (New) A method of printing according to claim 40 further comprising:

    biasing a stack of sheets in a direction perpendicular to said printzone plane, wherein said exposed sheet is a top sheet of said stack of sheets;

    moving said stack of sheets parallel to said printzone plane during printing on said exposed sheet; and

    supporting said stack of sheets generally across an entire planar surface of a lowermost sheet of said stack of sheets during printing on said exposed sheet.